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SUBJECT: EC-9 MIDEAST DECLARATION

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1. POINTS MADE REF A CONVEYED TO BOIDEVAIX FOLLOWING UP ON CONVERSATION REPORTED REF B. BOIDEVAIX SEEMED SURPRISED TO BE TOLD OFFICIALLY THAT WE IN FACT HAD NOT REPEAAT NOT CONSIDERED SUBSTANCE OR TIMING OF EC-9 DECARATION PARTICULARLY HELPFUL.

2. EMBOFF EMPHASIZED POINT MADE REF A, PARA 2 THAT WE WOULD HAVE CONSIDERED IT APPROPRIATE AMONG ALLIES AND HAVE APPRECIATED IT HAD ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS TAKEN PLACE . EMBOFF SUGGESTED FAILURE OF SUCH ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS WAS REMINISCENT OF EC-9 FAILURE TO CONSULT ON US/EC DECLARATION IN PERIOD BETWEEN ORIGINAL CIRCULATION OF US DRAFT AND APPEARANCE OF EC DRAFT IN COPENHAGEN. BOIDEVAIX'S RESPONSE WAS THAT SUCH CONSULTATIONS

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IN EACH CASE WOULD HAVE PRECLUDED A POSITION OF THE NINE SINCE WHATEVER POSITION HAD BEEN ARRIVED AT WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE BEEN A POSITION OF TEN. EMBOFF TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION TO THIS POINT OF VIEW ARGUING THAT ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS IN NO WAY PRECLUDED AN

EVENTUAL POSITION OF THE NINE WHICH MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT TAKE ACCOUNT OF US CONCERNS AND WISHES. BUT TO US, EMBOFF SAID, IT SEEMED MORE APPROPRIATE AMONG ALLIES TO ASCERTAIN WHAT SUCH CONCERNS AND WISHES MIGHT BE IN ADVANCE PRIOR TO TAKING A FINAL, PUBLIC POSITION. BOIDEVAIX, REFLECTING ESTABLISHED FRENCH THINKING ON THIS POINT, REMAINED UNCONVINCED.

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